Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently amended)   ~~Method~~ A method of recording information on a recordable multi-layer record carrier~~, said record carrier comprising~~ having a plurality of information layers including at least a first information layer and a second information layer for storing information, the method comprising acts of:

dividing data content to be recorded on the recordable multi-layer record carrier into data blocks;

recording the data blocks of the data content on the recordable multi-layer record carrier such that the data content is substantially evenly distributed between each of the plurality of information layers;

wherein the ~~information~~ data content is recorded such that ~~an~~ a data area containing ~~actual information~~ one or more data blocks of the data content stored on the first information layer and ~~an~~ a

data area containing ~~actual information~~ one or more data blocks of

the data content stored on the second information layer are of

substantially equal size and such that both data areas are

superjacent.

2.   (Cancelled)

3.   (Canceled)

4.   (Currently Amended)   A recordable multi-layer record carrier,

said record carrier comprising:

     a plurality of information layers including at least a first

information layer and a second information layer for storing

~~information, wherein the information~~

     data content divided into data blocks that are recorded on the

recordable multi-layer record carrier such that the data content is

substantially evenly distributed between each of the plurality of

information layers,

    wherein the data content is recorded such that an a data area

containing ~~actual information~~ one or more data blocks of the data

content are stored on the first information layer and an a data

area containing ~~actual information~~ one or more data blocks of the

data content stored on the second information layer are of

substantially equal size and such that both data areas are

superjacent.

5. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the recordable multi-layer

record carrier is an optical disk, and wherein the method further

comprises an act of shifting middle zone areas of at least the

first and second information layers towards an inner radius of the

disc such that the data areas of the first and second information

layers are filled with a portion of the recorded data content.

6. (New) The method of claim 1, where dividing the data content

comprises an act of dividing the data content into portions of

substantially equal size, and wherein recording comprises an act of

recording the portions of the data content to the data areas of the plurality of information layers.

7. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein dividing the data content into portions of substantially equal size comprises an act of dividing the data content based on recording time.

8. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein dividing the data content into portions of substantially equal size comprises an act of dividing the data content based on a size of the data content to be recorded.

9. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the data content is video data.

10. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the data content is audio data.

11. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the data content is audio/visual data.

12. (New) A method of recording information on a recordable multi-layer optical disc having a plurality of information layers, the method comprising acts of:

dividing data content to be recorded on the recordable multi-layer record carrier into data blocks; and

recording the data blocks of the data content in data areas of the plurality of information layers such that the data content is substantially evenly distributed between each of the plurality of information layers,

wherein recording includes an act of shifting middle zone areas of the plurality of information layers towards an inner radius of the disc such that the data area of the plurality of information layers are (i) substantially equal size, (ii) substantially filled with a portion of the recorded data content and are (iii) spatially aligned.

13. (New) The method of claim 12, where dividing the data content comprises an act of dividing the data content into portions of substantially equal size, and wherein recording comprises an act of recording the portions of the data content to the data areas of the plurality of information layers.

14. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein dividing the data content into portions of substantially equal size comprises an act of dividing the data content based on recording time.

15. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein dividing the data content into portions of substantially equal size comprises an act of dividing the data content based on a size of the data content to be recorded.

16. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the data content is video data.

17. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the data content is audio data.

18. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the data content is audio/visual data.